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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-13

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution hereby establish the School Transportation Task Force.

The purpose of the task force shall be to study school transportation issues and make recommendations regarding ways to make school transportation systems more efficient and to reduce transportation costs. The School Transportation Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) appointed members including the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee; one member who represents a statewide association of school board members; one member who represents a statewide organization that represents public school superintendents; two members who are directors of or oversee transportation for a public school district in the state; two members who represent school bus manufacturers or dealers; and one member who represents the alternative fuels program in the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

All members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall select the chair who shall then select a vice-chair. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate are also invited to appoint one legislator each to serve as exofficio members of the task force.

The task force shall investigate and make recommendations regarding the following issues:

- 1. The costs and benefits of converting school buses and bus fleets to compressed natural gas or another alternative fuel system;
- 2. The costs and benefits of privatizing school district transportation services;
- 3. Review and analyze data collected from school districts of current transportation costs; and
- 4. Study the transportation services and costs of school districts in other states.

The task force shall report its findings to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2013. This report shall include any recommendations approved by a majority of the members. This task force shall sunset upon issuance of its final report.

The task force shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Administrative support for the task force, including personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the task force, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Department of Education.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Education, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this //e day of April, 2013.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MARY FALLIN Jallin